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IDENTIFYING SHORT CIRCUITS	§	03-0329
IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT	§	
DEVICE	§	

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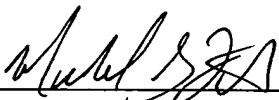
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAM. INIT.	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A1	5,274,276	12/8/93	Casper et al.	326	21	6/26/92
	A2	5,297,087	3/22/94	Porter	365	201	4/29/93
	A3	5,304,506	4/19/94	Porter et al.	438	394	3/10/93
	A4	5,369,317	11/29/94	Casper et al.	326	87	12/11/92
	A5	5,901,078	5/4/99	Porter et al.	365	149	6/19/97
	A6	5,903,502	5/11/99	Porter	365	201	11/25/97
	A7	6,114,878	9/5/00	Loughmiller et al.	326	101	2/13/98
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	A10	6,266,287	7/24/01	Porter	365	205	2/23/00
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